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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
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FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

An Act to provide for the Creation and Regulation of Gas Light Companies.

- SECTION 1. Companies may be incorporated to manufacture Gas.
2. Articles of incorporation must be adopted.
 3. Public notice must be given.
 4. What the notice must contain.
 6. Commencement of business on filing articles of incorporation
 7. Penalty for interfering with gas pipes.
 8. Relates to transfer of shares.
 10. Authority to erect buildings, and right of way.
 11. Fraud or gross neglect, to forfeit chartered privileges.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

- Gas companies may be incorporated** SECTION 1. That any number of persons may associate themselves together and become a body politic and corporate, for the purpose of manufacturing and supplying illuminating gas.
- Articles of incorporation** SEC. 2. Previous to commencing any business, except that of their own organization, they must adopt articles of incorporation, which must be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, in a book kept for such purposes.
- Public notice** SEC. 3. A notice must also be published for four weeks in succession, in some newspaper as convenient as practicable to the principal place of business.
- Contents of notice** SEC. 4. Such notice must contain :
- A. The name of the corporation and its principal place of transacting business.
 - B. The amount of capital stock.
 - C. The officers of the company for the ensuing year.
 - D. That articles of incorporation are on record in the office of the Secretary of State, according to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Corporation shall commence business as soon as the articles of incorporation are filed in the office of the Secretary of State; and the notice shall be published in the newspaper within three months from the date of such filing. Articles to be filed and notice given

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors may make such by-laws as they may deem expedient, not repugnant to the laws and Constitution of the State, and may declare dividends from their nett earnings, to be paid to the stockholders as the Board may prescribe. By-laws and dividends

SEC. 7. Such Corporation and their successors may have perpetual succession, and shall be in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all Courts whatsoever; also, of contracting and being contracted with, relative to the business and objects of the Corporation; may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure; may have power to purchase, hold and lease such real estate as may be necessary for carrying on the business of the Corporation. Corporate powers

SEC. 8. If any person or persons shall open a communication into any gas, main or other pipes of such Corporation, without authority from the superintendent of the works, he or they shall be subject to a penalty of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace. Unlawful opening of pipes—penalty

SEC. 9. The transfer of shares will not be valid except as between the parties thereto, until it is regularly entered on the books of the Company, so far as to show the names of the persons by and to whom transferred, and the numbers or other designations of the shares, and the date of the transfer. Transfer of shares

SEC. 10. Any corporation organized under the provisions of this Act, shall have authority to make the apparatus and erect the buildings necessary for manufacturing and distributing gas, with the right to enter upon any public streets, lane or highway, for the purpose of laying down all necessary pipes, by and with the consent of the municipal authorities having legal jurisdiction. Necessary buildings—right of way

SEC. 11. The Legislature may at any time, upon gross neglect of duty, or fraud being shown against the officers of such Company, declare their right to the privileges of this Act to be null and void, and may appoint Commissioners to close up its affairs. Chartered privileges when to be void

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

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